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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. 99-372-F)

PATENT

In re Application of: Welcher et al. )

Serial No.: 09/927,850 )

Filed: August 10, 2001 )

For: Interferon-Like Molecules )  
and Uses Thereof )

Before the Examiner: J. Andres

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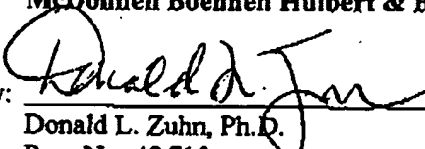
**PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants request a Three-Month Extension of Time to respond to the Official Action mailed July 6, 2004. The Commissioner is authorized to charge \$1,020.00 for an Extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), to Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Dated: January 6, 2005

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